

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2002

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Pastor Sherri Loddle from Calvary Lutheran Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the November 19, 2002 meeting
2. 5 Authorize the chair to sign the notification of the Highway Superintendent
3. 7 Approve sending a letter regarding input on the environmental assessment of the proposed land transfer at CAAP
4. 8 Authorized the Chair to sign the FY2002 State Domestic Preparedness Grant Program Application
5. 10 Accepted and placed on file the Keno audit
6. 11 Authorized the special audit for the Clerk of the District Court
7. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
8. Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

6 VENDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ACTION ON BIDS FOR VENDING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT – Arnold stated that the vending committee met and recommended to reject all bids and go with individual contracts. There was only one of the bids that met all of the criteria of the bid specifications. They want to have a selection of Coke and Pepsi products. The committee asked each company to match the prices. They recommend awarding the chips and snacks to the Nebraska Commission of the Blind. The committee called the references for the commission that were listed at the post office and the law enforcement-training center and they have been pleased with the service. The machine on the lower level will be changed to 20 oz. bottles with the capability of using 26 oz. Juice bottles.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to reject all bids and award individual contracts to Coca-Cola and Pepsi Bottling and the snacks to the Nebraska Commission of the Blind. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2a EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH UFCW
Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:10 a.m. executive session

9:30 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN – Eriksen stated that a copy of the “Memorandum of Understanding” with the City of Grand Island regarding the long-range facilities plan was given to the board members. A presentation of the plan was held at City Hall. The City Council passed this memorandum and now he is bringing it forward to the County for their approval.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grand Island and the County of Hall and authorize the Chair to sign.

Hartman questioned how they could propose that the bond issue could be over a number of years and he also questioned if the heat and air conditioning in the courthouse would also be addressed.

Lancaster stated that there is not a financial plan at this time but a time-line for the project. She stated that County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz has read this document and changes were made. There are still money issues that need to be addressed but this document will move the project forward.

Hartman stated that the City approved this but they only have a small piece of the pie.

Lancaster agreed that most of the project will be for the county but this is a plan to move forward.

Arnold stated that one of the major portions is the public safety center that the city leases. They also discussed obtaining grant money or other funding to renovate the Courthouse.

Hartman expressed concern that everyone did not have all of the information. Lancaster stated that Marty Stukert talked to the County first and addressed the long-range plan. She stated the City and the County need to work together to move forward with this project.

Jeffries stated that the money that will be spent would have to be approved by the entire county board.

Lancaster stated that the moving the jail is the starting point. Eriksen quoted the memorandum of understanding regarding the jail and updating the safety center.

The vote on the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS CLOSING HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE – It has been traditional to close at noon for Christmas Eve. Last year the board closed for the entire day and this caused some problems. The offices can be closed at noon and give the contract employees a ½ day personal leave because some departments are essential and they cannot close so they will receive a ½ day personal leave. This leave must be used in the next calendar year.

Jim why not make it 1:00 Lancaster stated that the personal leave needs to be ½ day leave and 12:00 would work better. Arnold stated that the department heads can make the decision on the essential employees.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded the motion to close at noon and give ½ day personal leave to contract employees. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the bi-weekly pay claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT - Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka included her progress report in the packets and reminded the negotiations committee that they are to meet at noon today.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Donald Stoltenberg of Grand Island stated that he would like to thank the county board for the mile of road that was paved on Engleman Road. He has talked to the neighbors and they all appreciate the paving.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS – Hartman – no report. He asked that Mr. Stoltenberg be allowed to speak.

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – no report

Logan – no report

Jeffries – no report

Arnold – He attended the vending committee meeting and the negotiations meeting but they have been reported on.

Lancaster – no report

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be December 17, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk